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## "THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

The deaths registered last week in 33 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 30.6 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 10,992,324 persons in the middle of this year.

In London, 2,623 births, and 1,733 deaths were registered last week.

Allowing for increase of population, the births were 38 and the deaths 44 above the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the last 10 years.

The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes, which had been 21.0, 20.2, and 21.6 in the preceding 3 weeks, fell again last week to 21.0.

During the 4 weeks ending on the 18th inst. the death-rate averaged 21.0 per 1,000, being 0.9 per 1,000 above the mean rate in the corresponding periods of the 10 years 1887-96.

The deaths attributed directly to influenza numbered 17, having been 9, 4, and 10 in the preceding 3 weeks.

Different forms of violence caused 63 deaths, concerning all but 1 of which inquests were held.

In Greater London, 3,679 births and 2,324 deaths were registered, corresponding to annual rates of 30.5 and 20.3 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The largest British bird is the great bustard.

The new French battleship *Asses* developed a speed of 18.2 knots on its preliminary trial trip.

The New Zealand Legislative Council has decided to shelve the Alien Immigration Bill.

Justice Phillimore took his seat for the first time in the Queen's Bench Division this week.

Mr. C. H. James, of Melbourne, has failed. The schedule of his affairs shows the debts are £550,000 and the assets £530,000.

The Legislative Assembly of the Canadian Northwest Territory has closed, after adopting a loyal address to the Queen.

Twenty thousand cotton operatives of Manchester, New Hampshire, have received notice of a 10 per cent. reduction in their wages.

The Northumberland miners have rejected a proposal to withdraw from the Miners' National Union by a proxy vote of 236 to 108.

A terrible boiler explosion occurred at Each, Luxemburg, at the blast furnaces there. Six workmen were killed instantly, and 4 more severely hurt.

The Queen has conferred the decoration of the Royal Red Cross upon the Queen of Greece and the Crown Princess of Greece.

Arabs on the Persian Gulf have risen in revolt. At Constantinople England is accused of fomenting the revolt.

The ratepayers of Ealing are to be called on, soon after the Christmas holidays, to express their views as to the proposed incorporation of the town.

At the usual meeting of the Croydon Town Council, the Sanitary Committee recommended the extension of the Borough Isolation Hospital at a cost of £12,000.

The Bremen who rescued the 7 persons from the burning house, Great Charlotte-st., Blackfriars-rd., will probably be formally commended for their gallantry.

At the South-western Police Court, a woman of 31, named Elizabeth Watter, was convicted for the 23rd time of being drunk, and was sent to gaol for 7 days.

Sheffield cabdrivers have been fined for playing cards in a shelter. It was complained that the men became so engrossed with card-playing that they neglected the interests of the public.

The French Chamber of Deputies has passed the bill raising the import duties on hogs, sucking pigs, chickens, and lambs, with a view to protecting the home farmers against importations from abroad, and particularly America.

A fire broke out early in the morning in a house in Little Patrick-st., Belfast, and resulted in the loss of 2 lives, an old man and woman. Three other persons jumped from the upper windows and escaped with slight injuries.

The governor of the Bank of England has received an intimation from Sir O. Roberts that the court of the Worshipful Company of Clothworkers has voted an annual subscription of £1,000 to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund.

Among the military appointments gazetted this week is that of Surg.-Major James Jameson, Director-General Medical Department, as honorary surgeon to the Queen, vice the late Surg.-Major Sir W. A. Mackenzie.

Mr. J. W. Belcher, late senior superintendent of the G.P.O., East, has just been presented with 2 handsome testimonials, consisting of a canteen of plate and a dining clock and ornaments, by his former colleagues, on his retirement after 45 years' service.

The steamer *Exeter City*, which arrived at Bristol from New York, reports having encountered a hurricane with tremendous seas on Dec. 13, in lat. 43.54, long. 29.46. She lost a boat and mainmast, the wheelhouse was gutted, the stove-hold flooded, and several of the crew were injured.

It is announced that Mr. J. Redmond will shortly pay a visit to the States to deliver a series of speeches on the Irish Rebellion of 1796. His object is to rouse the enthusiasm of Irishmen in the United States, in view of the proposed centenary celebrations in Ireland next year.

In consequence of the unexpected development of activity by Germany in China, the Pope has instructed Mgr. Anzer, German Bishop of Shanghai, to return to China at once, with special instructions as to the line of conduct to be observed by the German Roman Catholic missionaries.

A boy named Horne, aged 13, the son of a Maidstone licensed victualler, met his death this week in a singular manner. It appears that as the congregation were leaving St. Faith's Church, Maidstone, he fell down the steps leading to the stove-hole of the church, and broke his neck. The accident was witnessed by some of the congregation.

The will of the late Marquis of Conyngham, of Bifrons, Parkborough, Kent, and of Slane Castle, Meath, who died on Aug. 22 last, has been proved, the personal estate being of the gross value of £37,709 11s. 8d., and of the net value of £19,755 11s. 3d. The testator bequeathed to his wife £22,000, the consumable stores at Bifrons, his horses, carriages, and stable furniture, and

1,000oz. of silver plate suitable for ordinary use.

The United States Congress has adjourned until Jan. 5.

Dried locusts are eaten with bread in Africa.

During the last year there was granted licenses to proprietors for 7,588 hansom cabs and 3,419 licenses for wheel cabs.

The Queen has presented a Jubilee medal to Prof. J. Penberthy, President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Lord Wolseley has been again elected president of the North London Rifle Club, a position he has occupied for many years.

The resignation of the Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, Lieut.-governor of the North-west Provinces, will take effect from Jan. 10.

The Queen, on the recommendation of the Home Secretary, has appointed Mr. William F. Everley to be Recorder of Sudbury, in the place of Mr. J. de Grey, resigned.

Five Bulgarians, including a priest, who were captured in the Kotschani district of Macedonia, have been subjected to torture, and 3 of the victims succumbed to their injuries.

At an inquest held at Cardiff on Mr. Thomas, who was found shot in a boarding-house, the jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown.

The Secretary of State for War has appointed Mr. H. F. Donaldson to be Deputy Director-general of the Ordnance Factories. Mr. Donaldson is engineer-in-chief of the London and India Docks.

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs, distributed the prizes at the Haberdashers' School, at Hoxton. In the course of next year the school will be removed to Hampstead.

In the Devonport command upwards of 80 engine-room artificers have given in their names for examination on Jan. 3 next with a view to qualifying for the new warrant rank established by the Admiralty.

The lifeboat *Leicester*, belonging to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and stationed at Gorleston, Suffolk, was launched at about 3 o'clock in the morning, and rescued a crew of 10 men from the stranded smack *Follow*.

The bill declaring Tabiti, at present a French protectorate, an integral part of the French Colonial domains has been approved by the committee of the French Chamber to which it was referred. Mr. Deloncle has been appointed to report on it.

In consequence of the sale of the Britannia by the Prince of Wales, the beautiful cup, the trophy of the 1897 season, has been returned to the committee of the Nice Regatta, at the Cercle de la Mediterranee, where it is exhibited in one of the salons.

The official preliminary estimate places the yield of wheat in New South Wales at 9,750,000 bushels, giving an average of 10.4 bushels per acre. The area under crop is 940,000 acres. It is estimated that the actual yield will exceed 10,000,000 bushels.

Mr. G. H. Gardner has been appointed to the post of private secretary to Sir E. Bradford, Chief Commissioner of Police, in succession to the late Mr. W. E. Boulton. Mr. Gardner has been in the Metropolitan Police Office for many years.

The Duke of St. Albans has, on account of failing health, resigned the Grand Mastership of Freemasons for Nottinghamshire, an office he has held since 1877. He has previously occupied the position of Grand Master for Lincolnshire from 1862.

Lord Battersea, Mr. J. Burns, M.P., Mr. P. Thornton, M.P., and other members of the governing body of the Battersea Polytechnic Institute, appeal for subscriptions towards the balance of the sum required for a great hall for the Polytechnic. About £2,600 is needed.

Capt. E. J. Tickell, 14th Hussars, and formerly of the West India Regiment; Lieut. F. E. Hicks, Hampshire Regiment; and Lieut. A. C. McK. Cockburn, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, have been selected for service in Uganda, and have been directed to proceed forthwith.

Miss Leila Herbert, daughter of Mr. H. A. Herbert, who was Secretary for the Navy in the last United States Administration, committed suicide by jumping from a window. The cause is believed to have been melancholia, resulting from an injury which Miss Herbert recently sustained from being thrown from her horse.

The Queen's annual gifts to the poor of New Windsor, Holy Trinity, and Clewer, will be presented on New Year's Day to the numerous recipients of her Majesty's bounty.

The royal arms of the United Kingdom, as they appeared in 1801, will be distributed in the Riding School at Windsor Castle, and the latter will be sent to the homes of the ticket-holders.

At this week's meeting of the West Ham Board of Guardians it was reported that one of the casual inmates had broken 14 bushels of stones in one day, and had asked for more.

A Guardian. Quite a record break. (Laughter.) Another Guardian. He is a "champion striker." (Loud laughter.) We punish men if they don't do enough, this man ought to be rewarded for doing too much.

The "Gazette" announces that the Queen has appointed Sir J. Lindley (Master of the Rolls), Marquis of Lothian, Marquis of Salisbury, Marquis of Ripon, Earl of Crawford, Earl of Rosebery, Viscount Escher, Lord E. Fitzmaurice, Bishop of Oxford, Lord Acton, Lord Carlisle, Sir E. Fry, Mr. W. E. H. Lecky, Sir H. C. Maxwell, and Dr. S. Gardner to be a new commission on the care of historical documents.

George Nicholls, who for some 40 years has been an usher in the Queen's Bench, both at the old Court at Westminster and in the new building in the Strand, and who for a number of years has been a member in the division, was, upon his retirement, presented with a purse containing a substantial sum by his brother ushers, the officials of the Courts, and others with whom he came into contact, in recognition of his invariable courtesy and kindness.

Mark Twain's pleasant stay at Vienna has been interrupted by the death of his elder brother's sudden death in America. Two days before the cable brought the announcement Mark Twain, whose relations to his brother, who was his senior by 10 years, were as close as those of a brother, received a long letter from the deceased in which not a word was said about the latter's health being unsatisfactory. The cause of Mr. Clemens' death will only be known to his

brother when letters arrive by the next mail.

The Uruguayan Minister of War has resigned.

Gen. Eland, Minister of War in the Dutch Cabinet, has been appointed Minister of Marine.

Mr. W. L. Baker, a well-known stockbroker, died suddenly of apoplexy at his office in Copthall-court.

The Duc d'Orleans is about to take up his residence at York House, Twickenham.

The butter exported from Queensland last year under Government inspection, carrying 1d. per pound bonus, amounted to 185 tons.

As a memorial of the majority of Alderman Sir G. F. Phillips, it has been decided to endow a scholarship at the Jews' Hospital at Copthall-court.

The total amount of grants made during the past year by the Poor Clerical Relief Corporation has been £2,397 17s.

The Cunard liner *Pavonia*, from Boston, arrived at Queenstown, and proceeded to Liverpool without her pilot, the weather being too bad to permit of communication with the shore.

Prof. Oliver Lodge will deliver the Christmas lectures, adapted for young people, at the Royal Institution next week. The professor's subject will be "The Principles of the Electric Telegraph."

Fire broke out at Messrs. Taylor's mills at Wigan, where over 700 hands are employed. The operatives were compelled to rush out, leaving clothing and tools behind. One man was injured.

An unusual sight for December was witnessed at the Highgate Police Court, where, while the business was proceeding, a very fine specimen of the rain-bow was seen in the sky.

The outward India and Australian Christmas mail last week was the heaviest on record, consisting of 2,315 sacks. They were conveyed by special trains between London and Dover and special boats between Dover and Calais, for Brindisi.

Here Siegfried Wagner, only son of the composer, has been for several weeks put in the finishing touches to an opera in 3 acts, which is to be produced at the Opera House at Munich, in the course of next year.

At a special meeting of the Court of Aldermen at the Guildhall, Mr. T. V. Strong was recently elected alderman of Queenhithe Ward, in succession to the late Ald. Sir G. Tyler, who was formally admitted into office.

The Queen has granted permission for specimens of the cotton fabrics woven on looms opened in Athens by Lady Egeria, to be submitted for the exhibition at the Royal Academy, to be submitted for her Majesty's inspection by the Grosvenor House Committee.

The Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress, of which Mr. S. Woods, M.P., is secretary, is to meet during the second week in January, when the Parliamentary programme of the congress, as well as several important trade union matters, will be considered.

Mrs. Temple, wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury, appeals for funds in support of Temple Lodge, Torquay, an institution governed by the Church of England Temperance Society, and founded in the interests of women who have become slaves to drink.

Sir John Gore distributed prizes to successful students at the Enfield Grammar School, and delivered an address in which he referred to the great progress recently made in technical and secondary education on the Continent, and especially in Germany.

Djavad Pasha has again been snubbed by the admirals. They refused his request that the Ottoman troops should take part in the review of the international troops on the occasion of the Car's fête day. The Turkish staff declined to be present at the review, although in intention.

Having been transferred to the headquarters of the fire brigade at Southwark, who for several years has been in charge of the station at Clapham, has been the recipient of a clock and mantelpiece ornaments from the residents of the district.

It is announced from the Horse Guards that the best shot in class fired among the 26,197 trained Volunteers of London and the Home District, who fired in the last season, is Pte. A. Comber, 2nd East Surrey Regt., a cornet headquarters of which are at Wimbledon.

At a meeting of the Margate Surf-boat Disaster Relief Committee, the mayor stated that the fund amounted to over £8,000, a considerable sum having been received since the closing of the fund was officially announced. This amount will be more than sufficient to provide for all the claims.

The council of the Royal United Service Institution have announced the conditions of the competition for 1898 for their gold medal, and particulars may be had by applying to the secretary of the institution, Whitehall.

The essays are to be on "The strength, composition, organisation, conditions of service, and mode of training of a military force for home defence."

Before Mr. Under-sheriff Burchell and a special jury a case was heard in which Maj. Robson claimed from the Central London Ry. Co. £13,653 and 10 per cent. for compulsory purchase in respect of premises in South Molton-st., and Davies-st., Oxford-st., held of the Corporation of London on perpetual lease at £23 8s. 6d. per annum. The property was underleased at rents amounting to £410 per annum. The jury awarded £11,800, including the 10 per cent. for compulsory sale.

At Fulham, Mr. Drew held an inquest on Mr. Luke Richmond, retired landed proprietor, lately residing at Parkside-rd., Putney. The evidence showed that he had been found by him an omnibus in a narrow part of Fulham-rd., and was knocked down by a brougham. A number of witnesses were examined, all of whom said the affair was a pure accident. Verdict, accidental death, the jury exonerating the driver from any blame.

The Scottish Miners' Federation have resolved to advocate, at the approaching annual conference of the National Miners' Federation of Great Britain, at Bristol, that the Fatal Accident Inquiry Act (Scotland) should be amended so as to give the same power under the Act as are exercised at coroners' inquests in England. The present system of conducting these gives, it is stated, much dissatisfaction. This has, accordingly, been inserted in the

agenda of business by the National Miners' Federation Council.

The Heriot's lace industry is fast dying out.

There are only 2 metals heavier than gold.

Red-haired people usually have grey eyes.

The body found last week in the Thames between Oxford and Abingdon was that of Reginald Gibbs, 25, solicitor, late Newport, Mon. He suffered from melancholia.

Two lightermen named Thomas Wright, 33, and Thomas Evans, 68, have met with their deaths by falling from barges off Blackwall and Woolwich.

An inquest was held at Mount Nevis on Mr. Henry Gifford, 63, of Ince, Lancashire, foreman on the G.E.R. During the fore he was killed by the Continental express.

The Glasgow ship *Blairholm* has been wrecked and totally lost in the neighbourhood of the Sandwich Islands. The crew were saved, and landed at Papeete.

A despatch from New Caledonia reports the discovery of extensive rich beds of nickel, which will enable the colony to successfully compete with the Canadian nickel trade.

Whilst hunting with Viscount Galloway's hounds, Mr. John Robinson, of Workop, was thrown heavily from his horse, sustaining a somewhat serious injury.

The returning officer for the Deptford bye-election reports that the election expenses of Mr. Morton, M.P., were £240, while Mr. Benn, the unsuccessful Radical candidate, spent £206.

Councillor John Bithway, who 3 years ago was Grand Master of the Manchester Lodge of Oddfellows, dropped down dead at Kidderminster, while discharging his ordinary business.

Lord Wolseley, in addressing the cadets at Sandhurst, spoke in high terms of praise of the gallant conduct of the young officers on the Indian frontier, many of whom, he said, had only recently returned from the front.

Wolverhampton, Thomas Cock-shott, late schoolmaster at Llandudno, was charged with stealing a Gladstone bag from Stafford railway station. Its contents were valued at £1,000. Committed for trial.

At Barry, John Wood, formerly poor-rate collector, pleaded guilty to 3 months' hard labour. The amount of the defalcations was over £300. Prisoner had given way to intemperance.

Nothing has been heard since the sale of Nov. 29 of the smack *William and Emily*, which belonged to Messrs. Reading, of Billingsgate, but sailed from the port of Yarmouth.

The policy of direct labour answers well in the case of the City. Since July the Sewers Commission has saved nearly 75 per cent. by handing over to its Cleansing Department the responsibility of cleansing and flushing the sewers.

For carrying a toy gun at Bromley a boy was summoned. The Excise officer said that the Gun Act of 1870 provided for this class of gun by the words "any other gun," shooting "any missile." A fine of 1d. including costs, was imposed.

Mr. Pearce, stationmaster at Slough, who had the honour of presenting the Queen at Slough station during the Jubilee celebrations, has received a handsome pin from her Majesty. The letters "V.R." contain 9 diamonds, and above them is the crown.

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and the injured gentleman was conveyed to his residence at Wales.

Gold coin wastes 0.5 per cent. in 16 years.

Artificial pearls are made from fish scales.

Official Turkish despatches announce the appearance of brigand bands in the neighbourhood of Volo. Flying columns have been despatched in pursuit.

The Teddington District Council have requested the Office of Works to construct a cycle track through Bushey Park from Teddington to Hampton Court, in consequence of the narrowness of the road.

During a dense fog in the Channel a herring smack went ashore on the Goodwin Sands and sprang a leak. A Ramsgate tug and a lifeboat proceeded to her assistance, and succeeded in getting her off.

An unusual incident took place this week in St. Helena Parish Church, an elderly lady named Mrs. Hurst, of Cropper's Hill, publicly objecting to the banns of marriage between her son Robert and a widow named McGill.

Mr. John Hays Hammond, who it will be remembered underwent sentence of death on account of his share in the Johannesburg Reform movement, but was reprieved, proposed to return to Johannesburg early in the New Year.

Sergeant A. Barrett, 1st Bn. Royal Irish Regiment, committed suicide in the military hospital at the new barracks, Limerick, by cutting his throat with a razor. He was labouring under delirium, and had been a patient for some days.

The death has occurred in London of Mr. Shilton Collin, the temperance advocate, who assisted Mrs. Ormiston Chant in her crusade against the Empire's license. In 1893 he unsuccessfully contested the West Derby Division of Liverpool on temperance lines against Mr. Long, the present member.

Robert William Cuss, aged 21, died in the Ripon Cottage Hospital from injuries received in a football match at Ripon on Dec. 11. Deceased was picking up the ball, when his head came into contact with one of his opponents. He seriously injured his back and was completely paralysed below the chest.

Passengers by the Taff Vale Railway, and particularly the residents of Pontypridd, will note with satisfaction that the long-desired improvements to the railway station at Pontypridd are about to be proceeded with, and that considerable extensions will be made to the railway locally. The work at the station has already been commenced.



BY LARRY LYNX.

On Wednesday, at Birmingham, men were to the fore once more. In the event, the Great Warwick Steeplechase was by Doncaster, and the most successful riders were at Nottingham. Ballyallan was favourite, and it will be remembered that he was disqualified for a bad fall from a post at Lingfield. On this occasion he could not go the pace at all, and only finished in the second division. His followers home were Ennstucker, John Mullins was an easy winner of the Heath Selling Hurdle Handicap, and he was bid for some £100 by a syndicate. He bought him in. In this same race Cromwell II., going to the post, three times, and, although he was the favourite, he went back to the paddock. In the Harcourts Handicap, he was taking part in the event. Ballyallan was in the charge, and he was the weight in the Wolverhampton H. and he was to be competed for on Monday. Miss Dolly II., who was purchased for £100 by the Duke of Devonshire, was not long in purchasing money back when she was in the National Hunt Club Steeplechase, and she was the favourite. She was ridden into the hands of Mr. F. J. Smith.

into the house of a provisionally named Todd, a Croptonville, Pa., discoverer and surrounded, P.C.s Southgate, and Smith, arresting the house. The men turned out to be many counties away from the W. Walker, Turrell and Cook. W. had 3, 6 and 12 months' hard labor and 6 years' penal servitude commensurate with the crime.

**THE FIVE YEARS IN A REFORMATION**

Since that time, 1870, he has served sentences of 6 years' penal servitude and Manning 21 months' hard labor, 6 years' and 2 terms of 7 years' penal servitude. Marks and Manning, who were released of late, but Manning, Walker, had only been 3 months. He admitted persuading to commit the present offence. Walker has been sentenced to 7, Marks to 6, and Manning to 7 months' hard labor.

**GAS EXPLOSION AT BRISTOL**  
The death of Blanche Eva Wood, which occurred in the Bristol Infirmary from injuries sustained in a gas explosion at her home, in a suburb of Bristol, on Monday, Mrs. Wood, was terribly injured on the same occasion, is still living. On inquest it was shown that Mrs. Wood, carrying a light, entered the room in which the explosion occurred, which had not been used for some time, and which a quantity of gas leakage had accumulated. A serious explosion followed, the result of which was that the massive door being blown in, and the whole place being blown and Mrs. Wood's daughter being injured. Mrs. Wood's husband was not present.

**DEATH BY BURIAL**  
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between him and his son-in-law Cordier with the result that the old man seized a revolver and shot Cordier in the spot. He then fired at Cordier, his own daughter, having fatally wounded her. He then went upstairs in a fit of unreason and shot at and killed the only son of the Cordier's, his 12-year-old son. His next act was to barricade himself in the house, and, this done, he appeared at an upper window and threatened to shoot anyone who approached. He ordered to go to the house, and was carefully guarded until the old man was starved into submission. He was then taken by the gendarmes.

The Metropolitan Railway Company held their next session to ask Parliament for power to work their traffic busily.

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